(e) Orders have been issued for recovery of HRA drawn during the unauthorized period. In addition, orders have been issued to initiate disciplinary action against the officer.

Call Tariff of Fixed Telephones

904. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while in the case of mobile phones, the call tariff are inversely proportional to the number of calls, *i.e.* more the calls, lesser the tariff which is an internationally accepted commercial prudence;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as against the above norms, the call tariff of fixed telephone lines increases direclty in proportion to the number of calls, *i.e.* more the calls, higher the tariff;

(c) whether Government are considering to reverse tariff in respect of the fixed telephones in the manner adopted for mobile phone; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Airtime charges in case of mobile subscribers in only one component of mobile tariff. The service providers are offering various alternative tariff options where the monthly rental and per minute airtime charges may be different depending upon the usage pattern of the subscribers. While in most tariff schemes, call charges per minute remain constant irrespective of the number of calls, some Service Providers are also offering tariff schemes where the per minute call charges are inversely proportional to the number of calls. However, it is difficult to establish an exact relationship between airtime charges and the actual usage due to large number of tariff plans being offered by different operators.

(b) The call tariff for fixed telephone lines is based on slab-system, under which call rates beyond 500 calls are uniform. The charges are less in case of low user subscribers in whose case the affordability criteria have been taken into consideration.

(c) Tariffs of Telecom services are fixed TRAI, under Section 11(2) of TRAI Act, 1997 as amended by TRAI (Amendment) Act, 2000, and Government no longer fixes any tariff for telecom services.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

E-mail/internet/computer facilities in rural post offices of Andhra Pradesh

905. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether e-mail, internet and computer facilities have been made available in rural post offices of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(c) if answer to part (a) be in the negative, what efforts are being made by Government to provide these facilities in rural post offices of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) and (b) No rural Post Offices in Andhra Pradesh has been provided with e-mail, internet and computer facilities.

(c) Keeping in view the resources available and the need for optimal utilization of the computers, at present there is no proposal to provide the facilities in all important Post Offices of rural areas in the State within a fixed time limit.

Computerised post offices in Andhra Pradesh

906. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Head Post Offices and other Post Offices which have been computerized in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise;

(b) the head post offices and other post offices which would be computerized during the current financial year in the State; and